

House Resolution No. 3683

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were saddened by the news of the recent passing of Roderick Gerald King, well known and respected radio personality, deejay pioneer and exemplary citizen; and

Whereas, Roderick Gerald King resided in Florissant, Missouri, at the time of his death, but he was born and raised in East St. Louis, Illinois, graduated from East St. Louis Senior High School in 1969, and attended Southern Illinois University-Carbondale; and

Whereas, Roderick Gerald King was the recipient of several awards, recognitions and commendations including DeeJay of the Year and induction into the St. Louis Radio Hall of Fame in 2004; and

Whereas, Roderick Gerald King began his career as a record-spinner in 1968 while still a student at East St. Louis Senior High School, and he later started playing clubs in East St. Louis and the surrounding areas; and

Whereas, Roderick Gerald King's first on-air appearance was in 1976 at WESL-AM, and he went on to pave the way for many upcoming disc jockeys, as he was a mentor to many in his profession; and

Whereas, Roderick Gerald King worked at several local radio stations during his more than thirty-year career, including as a disc jockey and program director for KATZ-FM in the 1980s and early 1990s, and he did a morning show on KATZ-AM, as well as a popular program called "Roll Call", and he was the Saturday host of the "Slammin' Jammin' Oldies" program on KMJM-FM prior to retiring in 2002; and

Whereas, Roderick Gerald King's signature large white-rimmed glasses and doctor's gown which he wore when he worked prompted his friend, the legendary musician and entertainer George Clinton, of the monumental Funkadelics, to give the nickname "Dr. Jockenstein" to Roderick Gerald King; and

Whereas, Roderick Gerald King did significant philanthropic work in his community, which included raising money for different organizations and during the 1970s he helped to reduce gang warfare and violence in East St. Louis, and in the 1990s he joined with other community leaders to take anti-drug rallies to north St. Louis; and

Whereas, the son of Evelyn King and Richard Prude, Roderick Gerald King is survived by his wife, Idella King; four daughters, Tamika Harvey of Belleville, Illinois, Dewayna Mosley of Chicago, Illinois, Maleania Nabe of Atlanta, Georgia, and Tiffany King of St. Louis; two sons, Tremaine Fields of Cahokia, Illinois, and Jerrick King of Alton, Illinois; one brother, Lamont King of Norfolk, Virginia; one sister, Shirley King of East St. Louis; and sixteen grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our condolences to the family of Roderick Gerald King, with all of our regard, esteem and respect for his memory; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the family of Roderick Gerald King.

Offered by _____

Representative Rodney R. Hubbard
District No. 58

Representative Talibdin El-Amin
District No. 57

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3683, adopted May 15, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker